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#### 'I/A' ITEM NOTE

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From: General Secretariat of the Council  
To: Special Committee on Agriculture

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Subject: Draft DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE  
COUNCIL on unfair trading practices in business-to-business relationships  
in the agricultural and food supply chain **(first reading)**  
- Adoption of the legislative act

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1. On 12 April 2018 the Commission sent the above proposal<sup>1</sup>, based on Article 43(2) TFEU, to the Council.
2. The European Economic and Social Committee delivered its opinion on 19 September 2018<sup>2</sup>.
3. The Committee of the Regions delivered its opinion on 4 July 2018<sup>3</sup>.
4. On 12 March 2019 the European Parliament adopted its position at first reading on the Commission proposal. The outcome of voting in the European Parliament reflects the compromise agreement reached between the institutions and should, therefore, be acceptable to the Council<sup>4</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> 7809/18.

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 440, 6.12.2018, p. 165.

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 387, 25.10.2018, p. 48.

<sup>4</sup> 7182/19.

5. The Special Committee on Agriculture is therefore asked to confirm its agreement and to suggest that the Council:
- approve the European Parliament's position, as set out in PE-CONS 4/19, as an "A" item at a forthcoming meeting, with the United Kingdom abstaining;
  - decide that the statements in Addendum 1 to this note be entered in the minutes of that meeting;
  - take note of the statement by the European Parliament set out in Addendum 2.

If the Council approves the European Parliament's position, the legislative act will be adopted.

After being signed by the President of the European Parliament and the President of the Council, the legislative act will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

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